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Polity, Governance & Appointments

- **Dearness Allowance (DA/DR):** Cabinet approved a 3% hike from 60% to 63%, effective 1 July 2026.
- **OSD Appointment:** Anirudh Yadav was appointed Officer on Special Duty to Union Minister Manohar Lal.
- **Premature Repatriation:** ACC approved the repatriation of Davinder Chodha (IRS) and Harshvardhan Singh Khangarot (IP&TAFS).
- **PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY):** Approved as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 2026–27 to 2030–31 to strengthen rural governance.
- **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP):** Continued for 2026–31 with an outlay of ₹53,428 crore and revised disability benchmark criteria of 40%, as stated in the supplied material.

Economy, Banking & Trade

- **World's Best Consumer Bank 2026:** State Bank of India (SBI) received the award from Global Finance for the second consecutive year.
- **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme:** Approved with an outlay of ₹1,856.67 crore up to 2033–34.
- **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):** Approved with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore up to FY 2039–40.
- **DD Free Dish:** Prasar Bharati scheduled the 104th e-auction for DD Free Dish slots.

Science, Space & Technology

- **ESTIC 2026:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the theme "Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies."
- **Space Economy:** India aims to develop a $44 billion space economy by 2033, according to the supplied material.
- **India's Space Programme:** Key developments include the Bharatiya Antariksh Station, SpaDeX docking technology and the Gaganyaan mission.

International Relations & Summits

- **Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW 2026):** MoS Shripad Yesso Naik led India's delegation for discussions on power interconnections and clean energy investments.
- **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum:** Hosted by the Parliament of India in New Delhi to discuss legislative diplomacy, Global South cooperation and multilateral reforms.
- **Liechtenstein Visit:** Hereditary Prince Alois visited India from 25–28 October 2026, marking the first anniversary of the India–EFTA TEPA.

- **13th ADMM-Plus:** Held in Cebu, Philippines, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh leading the Indian delegation.
- **India–US Defence Talks:** Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on the sidelines of ADMM-Plus.

5. Awards, Books & Important Days

- **Nobel Prize in Literature 2026:** Anne Carson.
- **Anne Carson:** The supplied material identifies Autobiography of Red as a notable work by the Canadian author.
- **Nobel Peace Prize 2026:** Navi Pillay.
- **Oskar Klein Medal:** Ashoke Sen became the first Indian physicist to receive the prestigious Oskar Klein Medal.
- **Legion of Honour:** Sunil Bharti Mittal received France's Knight (Chevalier) of the National Order of the Legion of Honour from President Emmanuel Macron.
- **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar:** Sangeet Natak Akademi honoured 106 young artists for 2024 and 2025.
- **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026:** Observed across public sector undertakings and central government organisations.

6. Sports

- **World U-19 Boxing Championship:** Aditya won gold in the 55 kg category in Montenegro.
- **World Wrestling Championships:** Kajal Dhochak (76 kg) and Neelam Sirohi (50 kg) reached the finals.
- **Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship:** India defeated Tanzania 48–20 to reach the semifinals.
- **Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026:** India defeated Bangladesh 13–0 in hockey at Jalandhar.
- **Canadian Women's Open Squash:** Anahat Singh reached the quarterfinals after defeating England's Saran Nghiem.

7. Environment, Disasters & Enforcement

- **Cyclone Arnab:** The supplied material reports landfall along the Andhra Pradesh–Yanam coast with winds of 125–135 km/h; the name was attributed to Bangladesh.
- **DRI Seizure:** Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 55,000 smuggled e-cigarettes worth ₹13.5 crore at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.

8. West Bengal Current Affairs

- **Annapurna Yojana:** The supplied material reports a ₹36,000 crore allocation for women's financial welfare in West Bengal.
- **West Bengal Yuva Shakti Yojana:** The supplied material reports monthly assistance of ₹3,000 for unemployed graduates and ₹2,000 for other eligible youth aged 21–45.
- **Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign:** Conducted across West Bengal districts from 21 October to 31 December 2026.
- **Kolkata DRI Seizure:** DRI seized Nepal-bound e-cigarette contraband at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.

- **Cyclone Alert:** The supplied material reports a heavy rainfall alert for West Bengal's coastal districts.

9. Obituary

- Neeraj Yadav, a three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist in the F55 category, died at the age of 42.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following banks received the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2026" award from Global Finance, according to the supplied current affairs?
(a) Punjab National Bank
(b) State Bank of India
(c) Bank of Baroda
(d) Canara Bank
Answer: (b) State Bank of India

2. What is the approved outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)?
(a) ₹1,856.67 crore
(b) ₹5,000 crore
(c) ₹10,000 crore
(d) ₹53,428 crore
Answer: (c) ₹10,000 crore

3. Who became the first Indian physicist to receive the prestigious Oskar Klein Medal, according to the supplied material?
(a) Homi J. Bhabha
(b) C. N. R. Rao
(c) Ashoke Sen
(d) Satyendra Nath Bose
Answer: (c) Ashoke Sen

4. The 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), mentioned in the current affairs, was held in which country?
(a) Singapore
(b) Thailand
(c) Philippines
(d) Indonesia
Answer: (c) Philippines

5. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized smuggled e-cigarettes worth approximately how much at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata?
(a) ₹5.5 crore
(b) ₹10 crore
(c) ₹13.5 crore
(d) ₹36 crore
Answer: (c) ₹13.5 crore